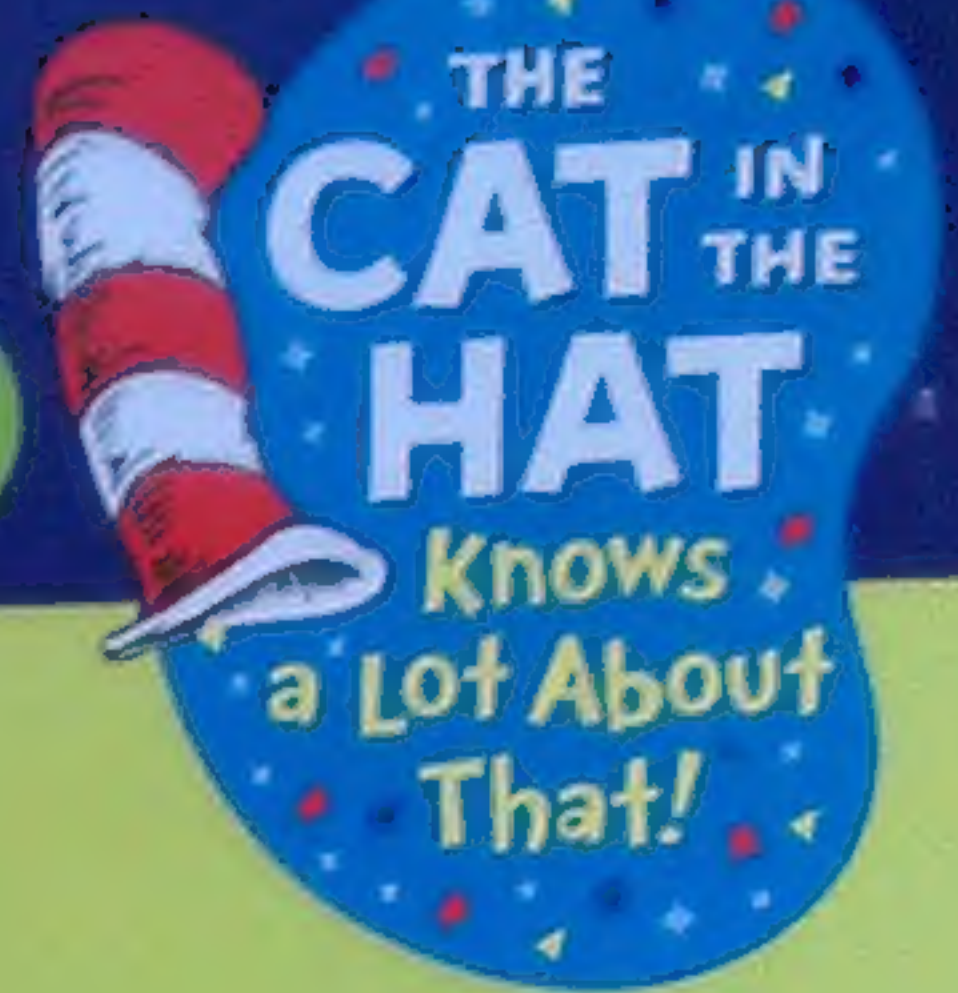
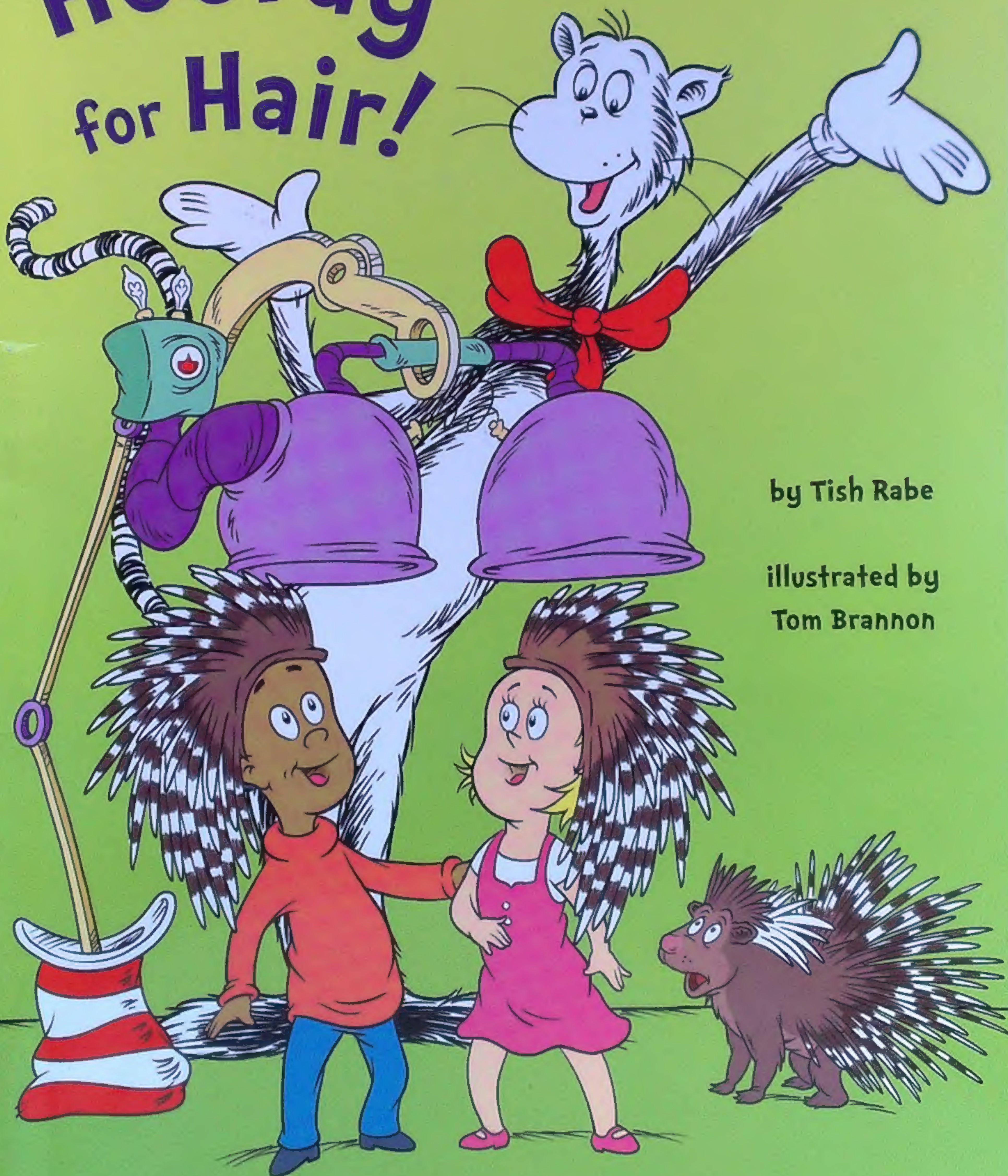


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STEP 3 reading on your own



# Hooray for Hair!



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"Crazy Hair Day in school  
is tomorrow," said Nick.

"We need crazy hair  
and we both need it quick.

Short on the top?

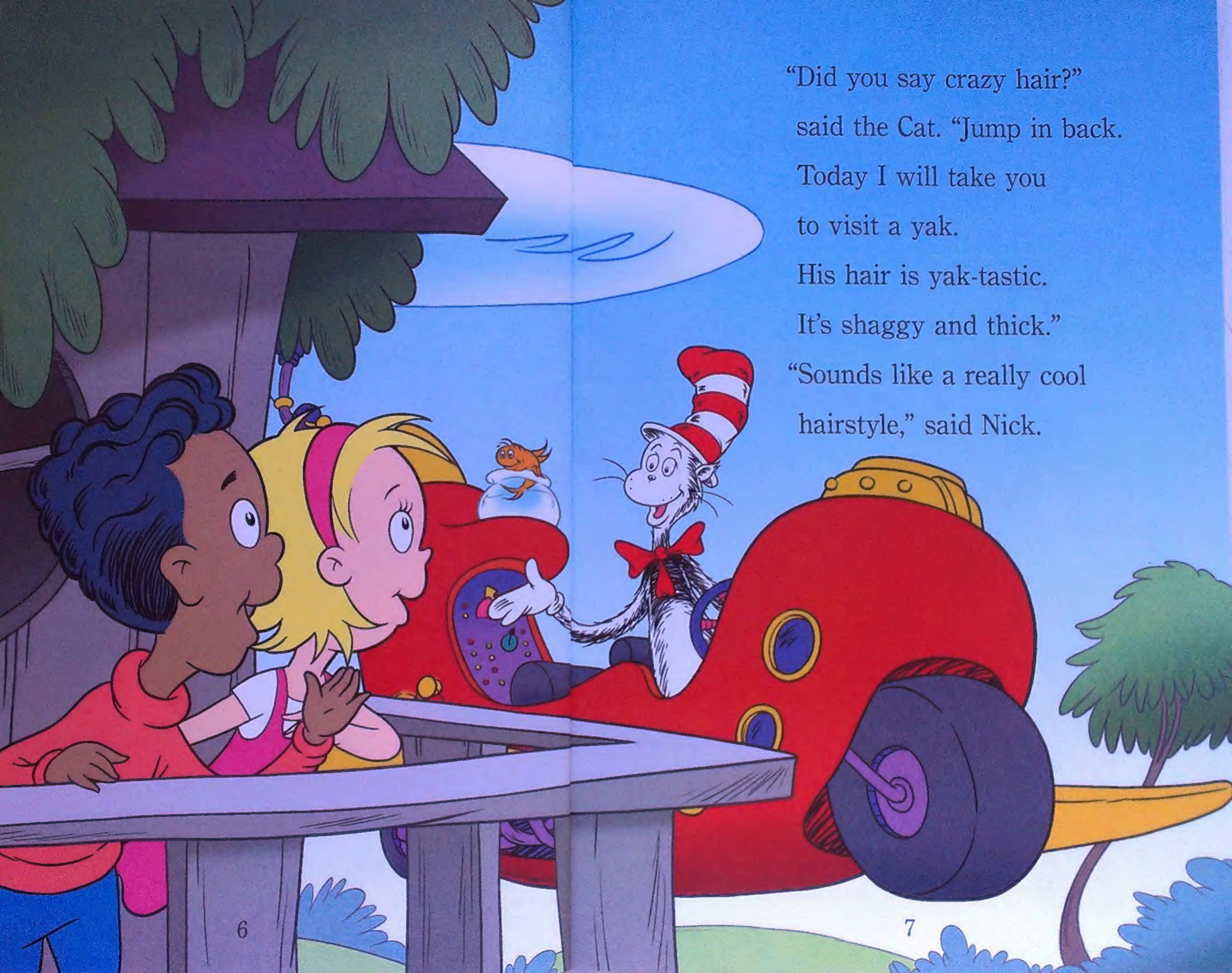
Or long on each side?

Straight, wavy, or curly?

I just can't decide."







“Did you say crazy hair?”  
said the Cat. “Jump in back.  
Today I will take you  
to visit a yak.  
His hair is yak-tastic.  
It’s shaggy and thick.”  
“Sounds like a really cool  
hairstyle,” said Nick.



"Welcome to Hilly Hazair,"  
said the yak.

"It's been a long time  
and I'm glad you are back."



"You have nice hair,  
Mister Yak," Sally said.  
"I wish I had hair  
just like yours on my head."





"Please," said the yak,  
"just call me Yancy.  
My hair is shaggy,  
but not very fancy."

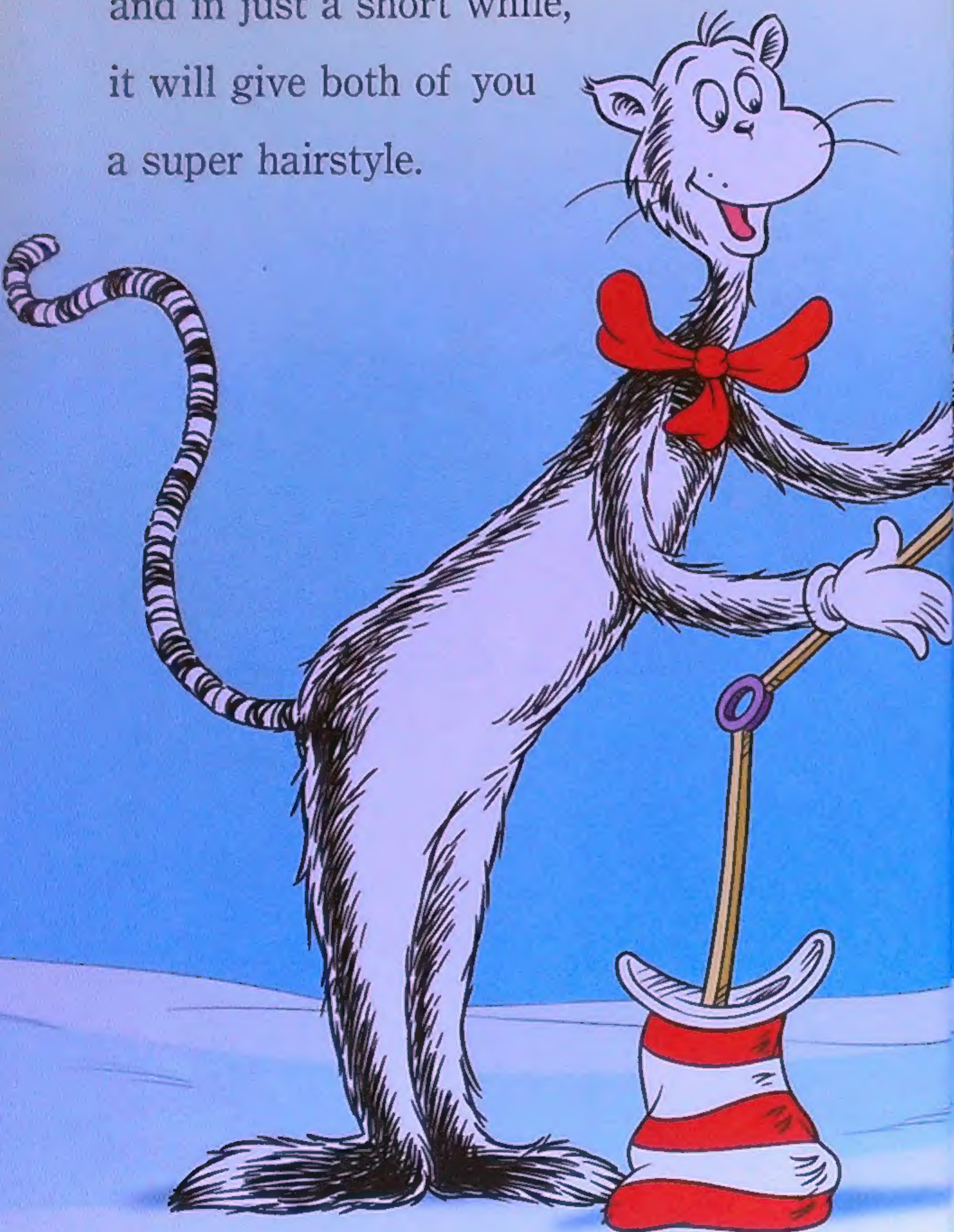


"If it's yak hair you want,"  
said the Cat, "I'll show you  
just what my new  
Wig-o-lator can do!"





"It springs and it sings,  
and in just a short while,  
it will give both of you  
a super hairstyle."



"You'll love your new look!"  
The Cat lowered the hood.  
"Oh boy!" whispered Nick.  
"This is gonna be good."







"It tickles!" said Nick.

"This is fun!" Sally said.

"It is putting a wig  
on the top of my head."

The Cat pushed a button  
and the thing started dinging.  
Buzzers were buzzing.  
Bells began ringing.

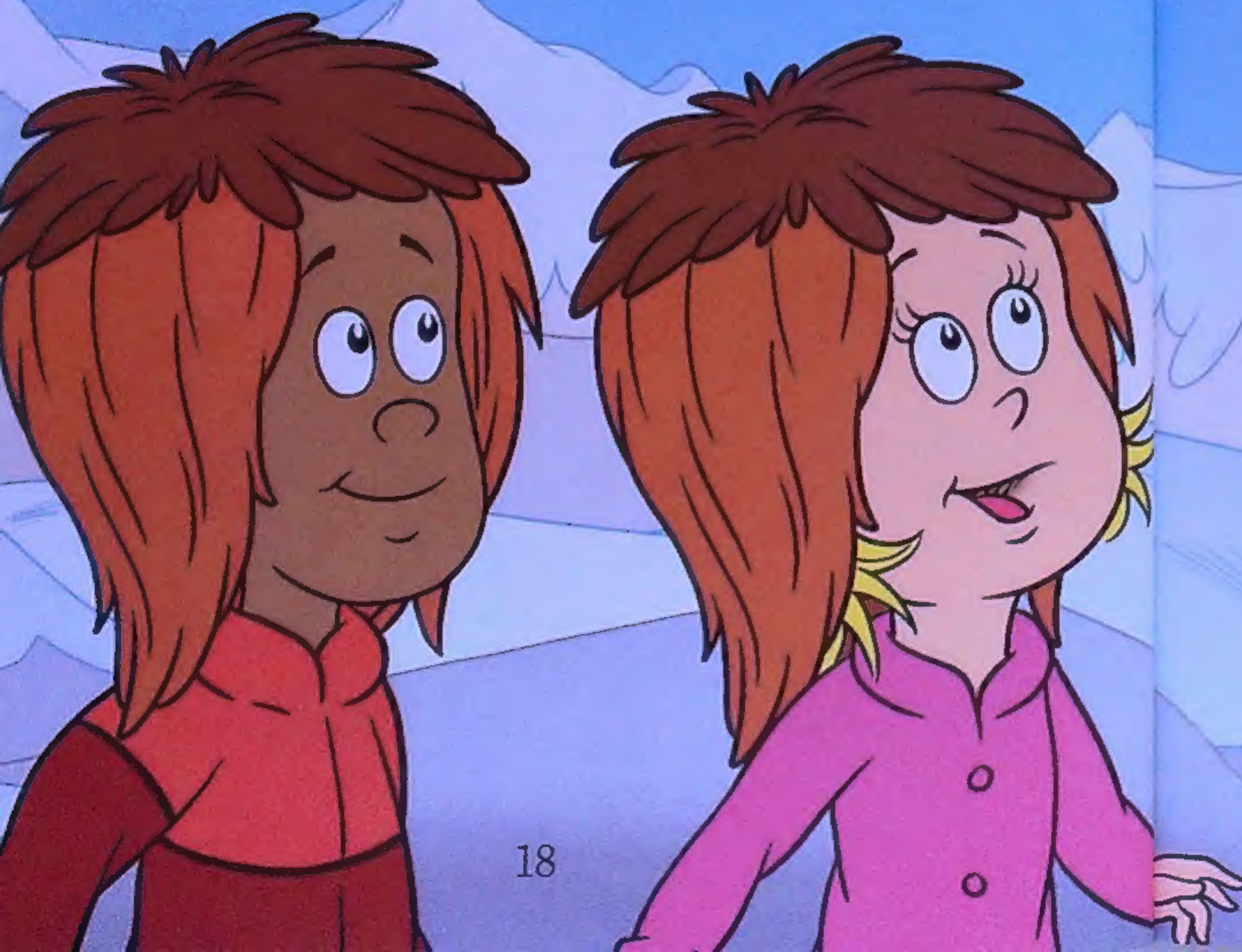


In less than a minute  
both Sally and Nick  
had hair like a yak's.  
It was shaggy and thick.  
"You look great!" said Yancy.  
"It's easy to see,  
with your thick, shaggy hair,  
you two look just like me."





"It's cold here in  
Hilly Hazair," Sally said.  
"The only thing warm  
is the top of my head.  
It's fun to have thick hair  
like Yancy has got,  
but in summer this thick hair  
would really be hot."





"Then you'd need hair  
of a much different sort.  
Like my friend," said the Cat,  
"who has hair that is short."

"I will take you  
to Blue-Puddle-a-Roo  
to meet Celia the Seal.  
She can't wait to meet you."







"Hey, Cat!" cried Celia.

"I've been waiting all week."

"Celia," said the Cat,

"has short hair that is sleek."

"Jump in, kids," said Celia.

"The water is fine.

If you're a fur seal,  
you need short hair like mine."





“The water’s so cold,”  
said Sally. “How do you  
swim all day long  
in Blue-Puddle-a-Roo?”



“I’ve two layers of hair,”  
Celia said. “This is why  
though the top one gets wet,  
my skin still stays dry.”





"I just go jump in  
the water, and poof!  
I'm warm because  
my hair's waterproof."





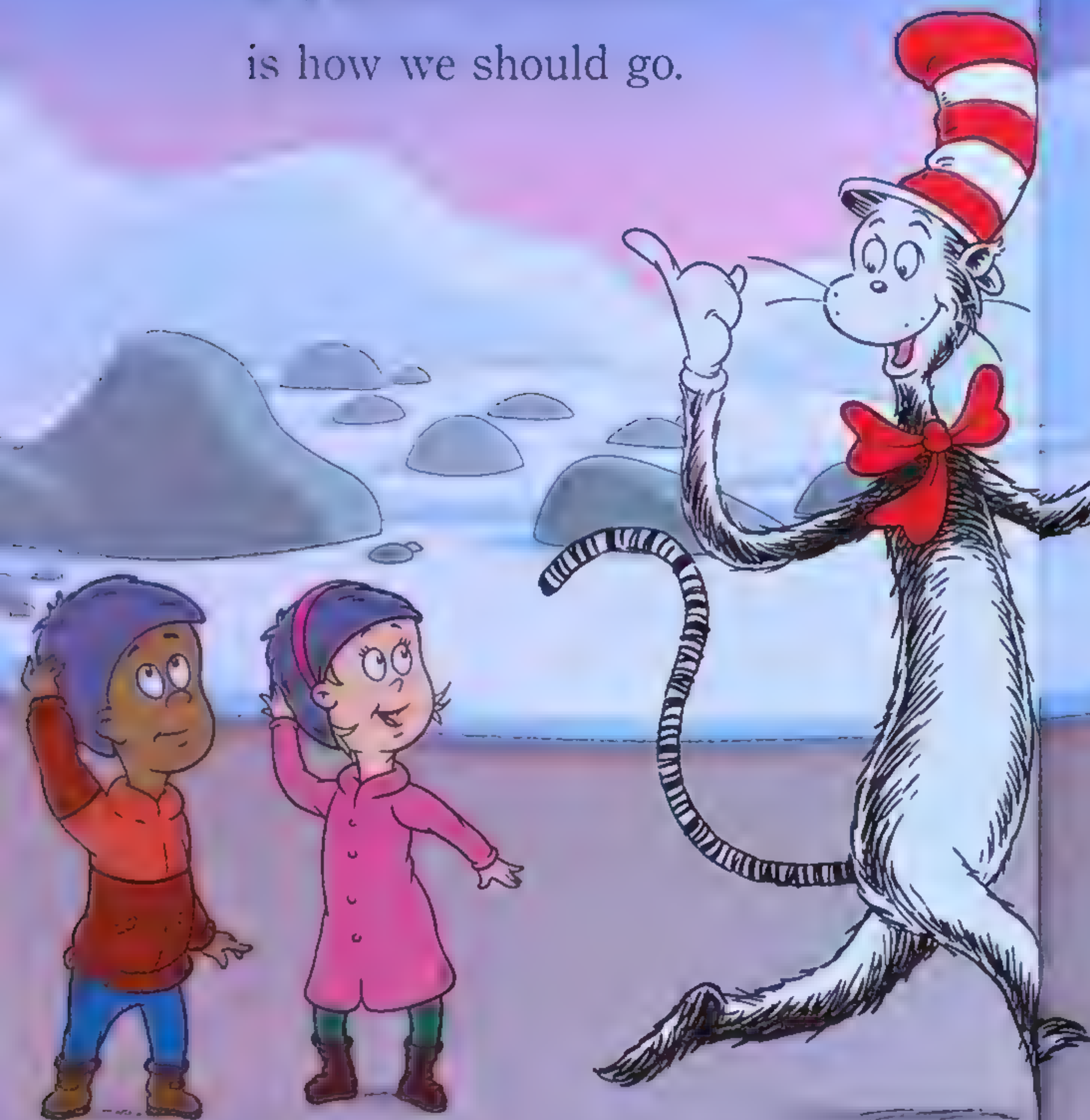


“On my Wig-o-lator,”  
the Cat said, “this wheel  
will spin to give you  
the hair of a seal!”



"It feels good," said Sally.

"But I just don't know  
if yak hair or seal hair  
is how we should go.



"Long hair is warmer,  
but short hair is neat."

"Come on!" said the Cat.

"There's one more friend to meet.



“Here in Poki Moloki  
lives a good friend of mine.  
His name is Quincy.  
He’s a fine porcupine.  
Quincy has talent.  
He’s really the best.  
He can fluff up his quills  
in a porcupine crest.”







"Hello, Cat," said Quincy.

"Be careful. Stand back!

My sharp quills protect me  
from any attack.

My quills are like hair,  
but they're sharp to the touch.

Do you have quills, Nick?"

Nick said, "No, not so much."





"To the Wig-o-lator!" the Cat cried.

"Don't run! Get in line.

And you'll soon have quills  
like a fine porcupine.

This is a hairstyle  
that everyone likes.

Soon you will each have . . .





“... a head full of spikes!”

“We look pretty sharp,”

Sally said with a smile.

“But I’m not sure that  
porcupine quills are our style.”



“It’s time to head back,”  
said the Cat. “So let’s fly!”  
“See you later!” said Quincy.  
The kids called, “Goodbye!”







“Cat,” Sally said,  
“before we went to Hazair,  
I’d never seen so many  
new kinds of hair.  
Hair keeps yaks warm  
and keeps a seal dry.  
Quills protect Quincy,  
who’s such a nice guy.”





"You're right," said the Cat.

"Hair is not just for show.

It can help you stay warm  
in the cold winter snow.

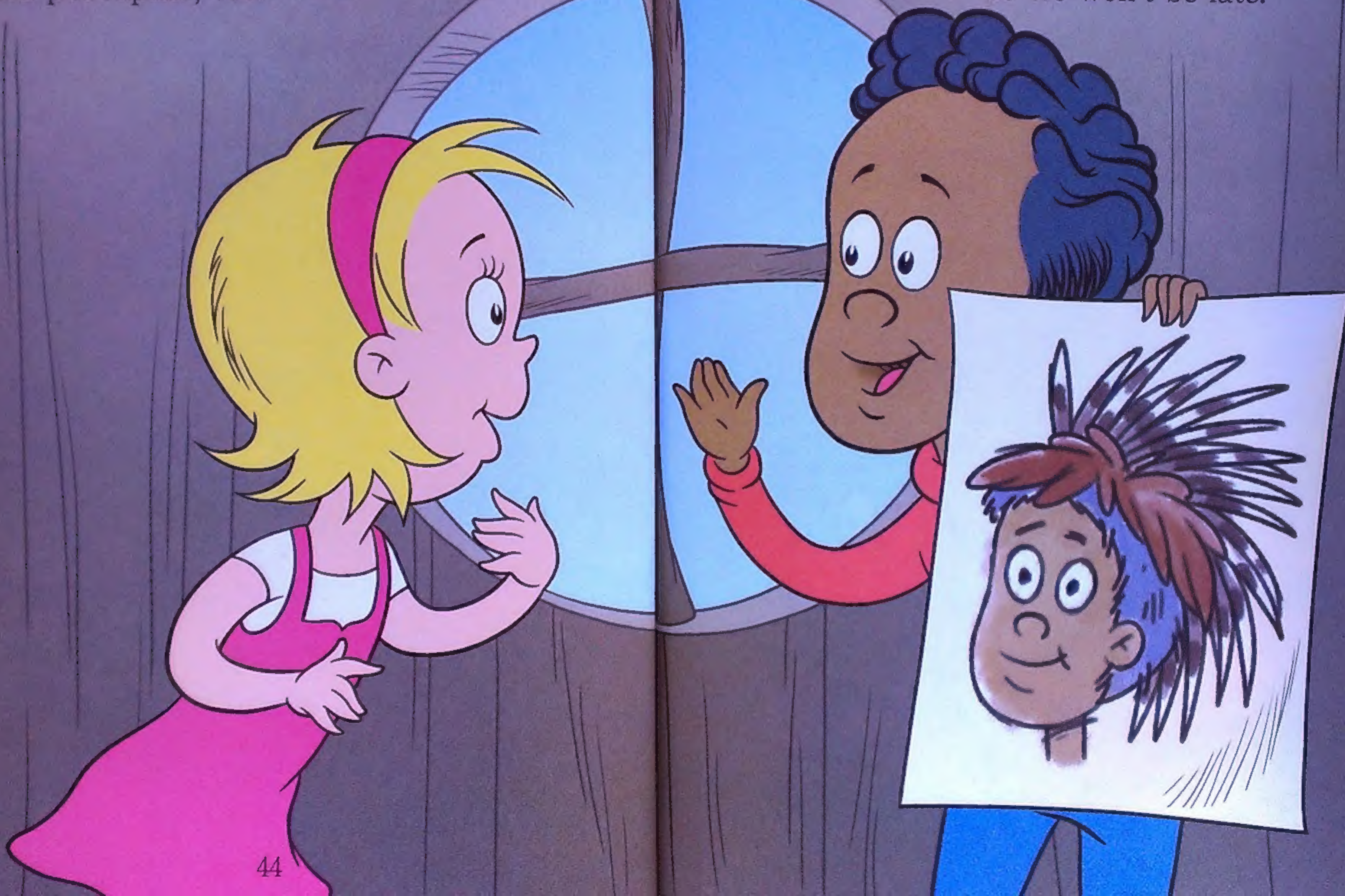
It keeps porcupines  
from becoming a meal  
and helps keep you dry  
if you are a fur seal."





"For Crazy Hair Day," said Nick,  
"what we'll do  
is have yak hair and seal hair  
and porcupine, too!"

"Crazy Hair Day is  
going to be great.  
Let's both get up early  
so we won't be late."





"How was Crazy Hair Day today?" asked the Cat.

"I wore," said Nick,

"a yak-seal-porcupine hat.

Having yak-seal-porcupine

hair wasn't bad,

but now I'll go back

to the hair . . .





“... that I had!”

